

sentence: --Well/opening 4, which is separate from window 2, has a top in the area of top edge 4a and extends from there into the cartridge/cassette to form empty chamber 4b for reception of the sample.--.

Page 3, line 25, after "fluid tight relationship." cancel the two sentences presented in the AMENDMENT filed 11/16/98 and substitute therefor the following revision: --By sealing the top of the sample well/opening, the cap/cover 5 closes chamber 4b for retention of sample while the sample wicks for the test. As indicated by the cap/cover region 5a showing in Fig. 2, when assembled with the cartridge/cassette, the cap/cover passes around, and, in fact, encircles, the cartridge/cassette, in order to hold the cap/cover in a fluid tight relationship against the top of the sample well/opening.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 25 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Amend claims 1, 8, 24, 26, 30, 32, 35, 39, 42, and 44 as follows:

1. (twice amended) An assaying device for depositing and analyzing a sample, comprising:

a. a cartridge/cassette means which contains a test strip, a window for viewing test results and a well/opening consisting essentially of an empty chamber separate from the window, having a top and serving for deposit of the sample; and

b. a cap/cover means for sealing the top of the sample well/opening in a fluid tight relationship following deposit of the sample.

8. (twice amended) A drug screening device for depositing and analyzing a urine sample, comprising:

a. a cartridge/cassette means which contains a drug test strip, a window for viewing test results and a well/opening consisting essentially of an empty chamber separate from the window, having a top and serving for deposit of the urine sample; and

b. a cap/cover means for sealing the top of the sample well/opening in a fluid tight relationship following deposit of the sample.

24. (amended) An assaying device as claimed in claim 1, the well/opening extending from its top into the cartridge/cassette means to [surround a space] form the chamber for reception of sample.

26. (amended) An assaying device as claimed in claim [25] 24, the cap/cover means when sealing the top of the sample well/opening [transforming said space into a] closing the chamber for retention of sample.

30. (amended) An assaying device as claimed in claim 27, the well/opening extending from its top into the cartridge/cassette means to [surround a space] form the chamber for reception of sample.

32. (amended) An assaying device as claimed in claim [31] 30, the cap/cover means when sealing the top of the sample well/opening [transforming said space into a] closing the chamber for retention of sample.

35. (amended) An assaying device [as claimed in claim 1] for depositing and analyzing a sample, comprising:

a. a cartridge/cassette means which contains a test strip, a window for viewing test results and a well/opening separate from the window, having a top and serving for deposit of the sample; and

b. a cap/cover means for sealing the top of the sample well/opening in a fluid tight relationship following deposit of the sample,

c. the cartridge/cassette means containing a second test strip, a second window for viewing test results and a second well/opening having a top and serving for deposit of the sample, whereby there are two well/openings whose tops are sealed by the cap/cover means in a fluid tight relationship following deposit of the sample.

39. (amended) A method of using an assaying device as claimed in claim [31] 30, comprising the steps of: dropping the sample in the form of urine into the well/opening; and attaching the cap/cover means to cover and seal the top of the well/opening in a fluid tight relationship.

42. (amended) An assaying device for depositing and analyzing a sample, comprising:

I. a cartridge/cassette having a broad, lateral face (1a), a narrow, lateral face (1b), and a narrow end face (1c);

A. the cartridge/cassette containing a test strip, a window in the broad, lateral face for viewing test results and, separate from the window, a well consisting essentially of an empty chamber in the broad, lateral face to serve for deposit of the sample; and

II. a cap/cover means for covering and sealing the well in a fluid tight relationship